Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The subjects were considered, but the works could not be taken up in view of the heavy expenditure involved.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the honourable member whether the Government do recognise the necessity for the opening of the roads?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes, the Government consider it is necessary to open the roads.

Perumpavur Kuvapady Road.

55. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of pupils that pass and repass through the Perumpavur-Kuvapady Road daily for attending the various schools in Perumpavur;

(*b*) the number of other passengers that travel through that road daily for attending the various institutions in Perumpavur;

(*c*) the number of damaged culverts in that road and how long it is since such culverts are in such damaged position and the amount necessary for repairing such culverts;

(*d*) whether any part of that road, *i. e.*, the Perumpavur-Kuvapady road, will be under water during the major part of the rainy season, and, if so, what is the length of such part which will be under water; and

(*e*) whether they have received memorials from the inhabitants of Kunnatnad taluk for repairing that road, and, if so, when such memorials were received and what action was taken by the Government in the matter?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) 200 nearly;

(*b*) 200 nearly on ordinary days and about 500 on market days.

(*c*) Four culverts are damaged since 8 years. The cost of repairs of these will come to Rs. 5,500 nearly.

(*d*) Yes. Three embankments of a total length of about 1,500 feet.

(*e*) Yes. On 19-9-1113 a petition was received. A preliminary investigation has been made.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In view of the fact that a large number of students travel through the road, may I know from the honourable member, with reference to the answer to part (*c*) whether it is not absolutely necessary to construct culverts as early as possible?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The answer is that we are corresponding with the Division Officer.

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Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the honourable member has ever visited the road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I don't think I have, Sir.

Mr G. Narayana Aiyar: The answer to part (*d*) says that three embankments of a total length of about 1500 ft. will be under water during the major part of the rainy season. May I know the amount that will be necessary for raising the embankments ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: About Rs. 14,500.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the Chief Engineer will find it convenient to visit the road at an early date to understand the difficulties experienced by the people ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Sir, I cannot promise now.

Rule 45 of the Public Service Recruitment Rules.

56. ***Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received representations complaining against the operation of rule 45 of the Public Service Recruitment Rules ?

Dr. G. D. Nokes: Yes.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know whether any action has been taken on this representation ?

Dr. G. D. Nokes: A minor amendment has been made to rule 45, which was published in the Government Gazette and the addenda to the Recruitment Manual.

Expenditure on certain public works in Parur taluk.

57. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the amount granted for 1113 for the following works in the Parur taluk have been spent on them during the year;

(i) improving the village road from Parur to Kuriappally with culverts and bridge ;

(ii) opening a road from Manjaly to Thadicalkadavu; and

(iii) reconstructing collapsed culverts in Vadakkekara-Munambam road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (i & iii) The amounts will be spent during this year.

(ii) Yes.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: With reference to the answer to part (*i*) and (*iii*), may I know whether the amounts were not spent during the last year ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The answer is that the amount will be spent this year, that is the year that ends to-day.

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